

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15-19 were pending in this application prior to this amendment.

Claims 13 and 19 are withdrawn. Claims 1-12 and 15-18 were rejected in the Office Action dated 12 January 2005 (the "Office Action"). Applicants have amended claim 1 in order to more particularly and completely claim the present invention. Reconsideration of the application in view of the claims as currently presented is respectfully requested. No new matter has been introduced. Allowance of claims 1-12 and 15-18 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-13 and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Howell (U.S. Patent No 5,247,835), over Howell in view of Gilpin et al. (US Patent No 5,554,822) and over Howell in view of JP-6671.

Applicants submit that the limitation of "wellbore" in claim 1 should be given proper weight. Howell, Gilpin and JP-6671 are unrelated to the field of wellbore operations and would not be considered prior art by a skilled person.

Further, Howell does not disclose or suggest the use of "a plurality of separable passive data receptors". Howell discloses (Col. 4) "a memory b employing removable memory cards". It can however be inferred that during operation of the device only one such memory card is loaded, as switch e has a key position "erase memory card" (not memory cards!).

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe that the present application and claims 1-12 and 15-18 are in proper condition for allowance. Such allowance is earnestly requested. If the Examiner is contemplating any action other than allowance of all pending claims, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's representative, Jody Lynn DeStefanis, at (203) 431-5505.

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